

RE: DOCKET #04-233

To whom it may concern:

I am gravely concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting Group's use of its stations collectively as an openly partisan pulpit in the service of a political party. It is a serious violation of the public trust.

The openly partisan 'commentary' by its vice-president, Mark Hyman, run during the nightly news on its stations, and now, SBG's decision to require its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election constitutes a partisan advertisement for one candidate. The timing of "Stolen Honor" is clearly calculated to impact the election.

Sinclair Broadcasting had ordered its stations not to run an installment of the ABC-produced "Nightline" that featured the names of fallen soldiers in Iraq, declaring it "too political." In light of this, its intent to pre-empt programming to air an attack on John Kerry days before the election is a stunning and sad irony.

I ask that these abuses would be taken into account when considering the renewal of Sinclair's licenses to broadcast.

Sincerely,

Wayne Beach